

## POWER CHAINS IN A DIVISOR GRAPH

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## ABSTRACT

The divisor graph of an associative ring R (denoted as DG(R)) was introduced by Satyanarayana, Srinivasulu.[9]. In this paper, we introduce a simple concept "Power Chain in a Divisor Graph". We prove that if  $\mathbf{0} \neq \mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{R}$  is nilpotent, then the power chain starting with a is of finite length. If DG(R) (the divisor graph of R) contains a power chain starting with  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{R}$  which is of infinite length, then  $\mathbf{0} \neq \mathbf{a} \neq \mathbf{1}$ , a is non-idempotent and non-nilpotent element. We announce some basic results. Finally, we deduce that if R be an integral domain and  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{R}$ , then  $\mathbf{0} \neq \mathbf{a} \neq \mathbf{1}$  if and only if the power chain starting with  $\mathbf{a}$  (in DG(R)) is of infinite length.

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